IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING and *
PETITION FOR VARIANCE
{Cedar Lane Farms} N of *
Rossville Blvd., W of Gumspring Rd

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

BEFORE THE

14th Election District

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

6th Councilmanic District

Case Nos. XIV-342 & 96-163-A

James P. McDonagh, Owner; Cedar Lane, Inc., Developer

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HEARING OFFICER'S OPINION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDER

This matter comes before this Hearing Officer/Zoning Commissioner as a combined hearing, pursuant to Section 26-206.1 of the Baltimore County Code, wherein approval is sought of a development plan prepared by George W. Stephens, Jr. and Associates, Inc., for the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD-R-1) of the subject property by James P. McDonagh, Owner, and his corporation, Cedar Lane, Inc., Developer, with 36 single family dwellings and 189 townhouses, in accordance with the development plan submitted and marked into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 1. to development plan approval, the Owner/Developer seeks variance relief from Section 1801.2.C.1.c of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), and from Section 11A of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit a distance of 15 feet from a side building face of a group house to a public street right-of-way in lieu of the required 25 feet for Lots 1, 8, 18, 19, 31, 56, 73, 74, 94, 95, 110, 111, 124, 136, 149, and 155. Variance relief is also requested from Section 1B01.2.C.1.b of the B.C.Z.R. and Section 11A of the C.M.D.P. to permit a setback of an additional 5 feet for buildings located adjacent to arterial roadways in lieu of the required 20 feet for single family Lots 25 and 26. The PUD-R-1 authorization plan (development plan) and plat to accompany the Petition for Variance was submitted into evidence as Developer's and

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Petitioner's Exhibit 1A. That plan depicts the specifics of the development plan proposed and also shows the variance requests at issue.

Appearing at the public hearing required for this project were James McDonagh and Kevin McDonagh, representatives of Cedar Lane, Inc., Owner/Developer of the subject property, and Brent Petersen and David Martin, Professional Engineers with G. W. Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc., the engineering firm which prepared the plan. Mr. Martin was the principal consultant in the development of the plan. Mickey Cornelius, Traffic Engineering expert with The Traffic Group, Inc., and Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, attorney for the Owner/Developer, also appeared. ous representatives of the various Baltimore County/State reviewing agencies attended the hearing, including Carol McEvoy from the Office of Planning and Zoning, Larry Pilson from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM), Lee Dreiger from the Storm Water Management Section of DEPRM, James R. Logan from the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM), and Kurt Kugelberg, Project Manager with DPDM. In addition, numerous residents from the surrounding community appeared, all of whom signed the Citizen Sign-In Sheet. those individuals who testified were Amos G. Harvey, Preston Snedegar, John Greely, and Melvin W. Inners.

The plan at issue has proceeded through the development review process as codified in Title 26 of the Baltimore County Code (BCC). The subject plan required referral to and approval by the Planning Board of Baltimore County in that same was submitted as a PUD (Planned Unit Development) R-1. In fact, the Planning Board approved this development plan on January 19, 1995. PUDs are the tools of the planning process which are defined within Section 430 of the B.C.Z.R. A PUD-R-1 is a planned unit

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development with a minimum tract size of 5 acres. In adopting the PUD legislation, the County Council expressed the intent to provide flexibility in the application of the land use regulations and to allow alternative review processes. These processes were to encourage development of creatively designed neighborhoods which would provide a higher degree of project design then through the conventional application of the regulations. A PUD plan should be utilized to provide a development which will ensure compatibility with surrounding existing and proposed land uses and will not be detrimental to the surrounding locale. A series of stringent standards are established for all PUDs within Section 430.4 of the B.C.Z.R. Moreover, the Hearing Officer in reviewing a PUD plan must make certain findings with respect to the merits of the plan, as more fully set forth in Section 26-206(r) of the BCC.

As to the plan's progress through the review process, it is to be noted that an initial concept plan conference for this development was conducted on October 17, 1994. As required, a community input meeting was held on December 19, 1994 at the White Marsh Branch Library. Subsequently, a development plan was submitted and a conference held thereon on November 15, 1995. Following the submission of that plan, development plan comments were submitted by the appropriate agencies of Baltimore County and a revised development plan incorporating these comments was submitted at the hearing held before me on December 5, 1995.

The hearing was bifurcated to consider the development plan case and requested variances separately. An overall view of the plan shows that the subject property consists of 58.96 acres, split zoned D.R. 3.5 (45.17 acres), D.R. 5.5 (11.29 acres), and D.R. 10.5 (2.5 acres). The property is located on the north side of Rossville Boulevard, between

Gumspring Road and Perry Hall Boulevard in White Marsh. Presently, the site contains an existing dwelling, barn and outbuildings, and has been utilized on a temporary basis as a golf driving range. The existing structures are to be razed and the golf driving range use discontinued. The Owner/Developer proposes constructing 36 single family dwellings and 189 townhouse units as shown on the plan. Essentially, the townhouses are grouped to the north and west portions of the site, near the intersection of Perry Hall Boulevard and Rossville Boulevard. The single family homes are will be located on the south and east portions of the site. A cul-desac, around which 10 single family houses are proposed to be constructed, will be accessed via Gumspring Road. The balance of the single family houses will be built off of an internal roadway within the site.

In addressing the development plan issues, it is to be noted that Section 26-206 of the Baltimore County Code (BCC) requires the Hearing Officer to identify all open/unresolved development plan agency issues or comments at the onset of the hearing. In this regard, Mr. Hoffman, on behalf of the Owner/Developer, proffered that many of the issues had been resolved by red-lined amendments to the development plan and identified those issues that remained outstanding. In terms of resolved issues, Mr. Hoffman noted that a revised landscape plan had been submitted pursuant to a request from the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ), that sidewalks were now shown on the plan adjacent to Rossville Boulevard, that the location of the tot lot had been shifted out of the forest buffer easement area, and that the plan had been amended to show that pedestrian paths would be paved or covered in wood chips within the forest buffer and home-As to other open OPZ issues, Mr. owners' association easement areas. Hoffman testified that a note was added to the plan to reflect the fact that grading in local open space areas would be fully resolved on the final grading plan, that the fronts of the dwellings on single family Lots 27 and 36 will be screened, and alternatives will be shown on the plan to allow the houses on those lots to be oriented either towards Gumspring Road or the internal cul-de-sac. As to the issues raised by DEPRM which had been resolved, Mr. Hoffman observed that the red-lined plan now shows a 75-foot forest buffer easement near the location of the tot lot, that the foot path arrangement through the forest buffer easement area has been modified and approved, and that forest conservation and buffer easements have been labeled and shown on the plan. As to resolved issues relating to storm water management, inlets to assure water quality have been shown on Lots 25 and 26 and preliminary hydrology computations have been approved by Lee Dreiger in DEPRM's Storm Water Management section.

Mr. Hoffman also proffered that the concerns voiced by the Department of Recreation and Parks relating to the equipment to be utilized on the tot lot had been resolved and that certain technical additions and corrections to the plan would be made to satisfy the concerns raised by the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM).

The County/State agency representatives who were present at the hearing corroborated Mr. Hoffman's testimony that the above-identified issues have been resolved and that the amended, red-lined development plan marked as Developer's Exhibit 1A, was largely in compliance with the development regulations, policies and rules contained within the BCC. However, both Mr. Hoffman and Mr. James Logan, on behalf of the Department of Public Works (DPW) agreed that three County issues remained outstanding. One of these issues relates to the paving width of the road within that part of the proposed development which features the townhouse units.

Specifically, the plan shows a 22-foot wide paving in certain areas of the road adjacent to perpendicular parking. Mr. Logan believes that public works standards requiring a 24-foot wide paving should be strictly adhered to in this case. Secondly, the Developer and County have not come to an agreement regarding the extension of public sewer north of the subject site. The Developer has shown a sewer extension to the property line, however, the County would prefer that the extension be continued in a northerly direction off site. Lastly, the specific layout of the extension of the public sewer from the south is unclear. But for these three issues, the Developer and County concur that the development plan is in compliance with the rules, regulations and policies codified in Title 26 of the B.C.C.

Turning first to the issue of the width of the road paving, it is to be noted that waivers of public works standards can be granted by this Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 26-172 of the B.C.C. That Section offers an alternative test which the Developer must satisfy for a waiver to be granted. Specifically, a waiver can be granted upon a finding by a Hearing Officer that the size, scope and nature of the proposed development does not justify strict compliance with these regulations; that the waiver would be within the scope, purpose and intent of the regulations; and, that all other County laws, ordinances, and regulations have been satisfied. In the alternative, a waiver can be granted if a showing is made that compliance with the regulations would cause unnecessary hardship.

In this case, there can be no claim of unnecessary hardship.

Testimony proferred at the hearing is that the plan could be amended to reflect the 24-foot paving width requirement. Thus, this project can be

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built out, in the manner proposed, with either 22-foot or 24-foot wide internal roadways.

In addressing the requirements of the alternate test, the Developer er believes that a 22-foot road will be more compatible with the scheme of the proposed development. The Developer's Engineer noted that the PUD regulations call for a development of high caliber design and that the proposal integrates a design criteria which would be best suited with 22-foot roads.

Mr. Logan, in explaining his Department's position, notes that the 24-foot road widths are required to address public safety concerns. He notes that vehicles will be backing from perpendicular parking spaces provided in front of the townhouses and that the additional 2 feet of road width will provide further clearance. Moreover, when guests of residents are on site, additional curb parking area will be provided and traffic congestion lessened if the road is the full 24 feet in width.

This is a difficult issue. The Developer has clearly designed a high quality project. However, in the end, the considerations of public safety win out. The additional 2 feet will provide more maneuvering and parking area. This is a large tract, which will feature in excess of 200 homesites. The expected traffic generation figures are sufficient to support a finding that the size and scope of this project mandate strict compliance with the public works standards.

As to the sewer connections, the proposed connection to the south is easiest to address in that the preferred resolution of same is agreed to by all concerned. The plan shows that sewer access can be provided from the south by a line in the bed of Gumspring Road. However, there was significant testimony that a more practical extension would be to place

the sewer line along the stream valley system adjacent to that roadway. This would eliminate certain difficulties in design and construction and would provide sewer availability to other properties. Unfortunately, at the time of the hearing, it was unclear whether the preferred system could be implemented, owing to the fact that off-site right-of-way acquisitions need be made. Under the circumstances, I will approve the project as submitted in that it is clear that adequate access to public sewer can be provided in the method shown on the plan through Gumspring Road. However, this Order shall not be construed so as to prohibit the subsequent adoption of the preferred approach and the construction of a sewer line through the stream valley. If such a system can be installed, it is clearly preferable.

The remaining issue raised by the County relates to the extension of the sewer line in a northerly direction, towards Perry Hall Boulevard. The submitted development plan shows an extension of the sewer line to the tract boundary line, as required under the Code. The County would prefer further extension so as to tie the sewer into an existing line in the bed of Perry Hall Boulevard. Although such an extension is clearly warranted and preferable, I do not find that this Developer should be required to make such an off-site extension. This plan complies with the development regulations and the policies adopted thereto. I believe it inequitable to, in effect, require this Developer to make extensive off-site improvements to solve regional problems. In this case, the Developer's compliance with the letter of the law is acceptable and the plan should be approved on that basis.

Having addressed the County's concerns, attention is next turned to the concerns raised by the community representatives. These concerns

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generally related to a feared potential increase in traffic, the impact of the proposed development on public utilities, concerns on overcrowding of schools, and a general opposition to the size and scale of this project.

I am understanding of the community's concerns. This is a big project which will entail the construction of a significant number of homes. I am unconvinced, however, that these concerns warrant a denial or modification of the plan. In my judgment, the plan is of high quality and has been carefully developed and reviewed. This is a large tract that is located in an area which can support development. The property is near major arterial streets and the testimony and report by Mr. Cornelius, the Developer's traffic engineering expert, was persuasive. None of the testimony and evidence offered by the Protestants was convincing to rebut that produced by the Developer and its experts.

Having therefore addressed all of the concerns and issues raised, it is clear that the development plan should be approved, as modified herein. The testimony and evidence presented was persuasive that the plan sufficiently complies with the development regulations as codified in the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Moreover, I find that the Developer has satisfied and met those standards for approval of this PUD-R-1 plan as set forth in Section 26-206(r) of the B.C.C. For all of these reasons, I will approve the plan, consistent with the comments set forth herein.

Attention is next then turned to the Petition for Variances. The series of variances from Section 1B01.2.C.1(c) relate to a number of the individual townhouse units. These variances are necessary due to the uniqueness of the property and constraints resulting in part, from the proposed PUD development. The variances are all internal in nature and do not affect surrounding properties. The record of the case will reflect

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I am persuaded that the Petitioner has adduced the requisite testimony and evidence to support a finding that the variance standards set forth within Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. have been satisifed.

The other variance request relates to single family Lots 25 and 26. These two individual lots will feature houses which front Rossville Boulevard. The variance requested is appropriate here due to site constraints and the existence of the forest buffer easement immediately to the rear of these lots. The testimony of Mr. Martin was uncontradicted and persuasive that these variances should be granted.

Therefore, pursuant to the zoning and development plan regulations of Baltimore County as contained within the B.C.Z.R. and Subtitle 26 of the Baltimore County Code, the advertising of the property and public hearing held thereon, the development plan shall be approved and the Petition for Variance granted, consistent with the comments contained herein and the restrictions set forth hereinafter. Moreover, I find that the Developer has satisfied and met those standards for approval of this PUD-R-1 plan as set forth in Section 26-206 of the B.C.C. For all of these reasons, I will approve the plan, consistent with the comments set forth herein.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by this Hearing Officer/Zoning Commissioner and Hearing Officer for Baltimore County this 20 day of December, 1995 that the development plan for Cedar Lane Farms, identified herein as Developer's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby APPROVED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1B01.2.C.1.c of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), and from Section 11A of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit a distance of 15 feet from a

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Any appeal of this decision must be taken in accordance with Section 26-209 of the Baltimore County Code.

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

December 20, 1995

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING and PETITION FOR VARIANCE (Cedar Lane Farms)

N of Rossville Boulevard, W of Gumspring Road
14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District
James P. McDonagh, Owner; Cedar Lane, Inc., Developer
Case Nos. XIV-342 and 96-163-A

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Development Plan has been approved and the Petition for Variance granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Messrs. James McDonagh and Kevin McDonagh, Cedar Lane, Inc. 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue. Towson, Md. 21204

Messrs. Brent Petersen and David Martin, G.W. Stephens, Jr. & Assoc. 658 Kenilworth Drive, Suite 100, Towson, Md. 21204

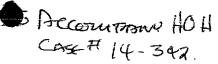
Mr. Amos Harvey, 7522 Rossville Blvd.. Baltimore, Md. 21237

Mr. John L. Greely, 4903 Linda Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21237

Mr. Preston Snedeger, 4928 Ridge Road, Baltimore, Md. 21237

Mr. Melvin Inners, 7903 Hilltop Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21237

Kurt Kugelberg, Proj. Mgr., DPDM; DEPRM; DPW; People's Counsel; File



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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

NW corner of Rossville Blvd. & Gurn Spring Road for the property located at and NE corner of Rossville Blvd. & Perry Hall Blvd.

96-163-A which is presently zoned DR3.5, DR5.5 and This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

See attached sheet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

To be determined at hearing.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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VARIANCE REQUEST 96-163-A

- 1. Variance of B.C.Z.R. Section 1B01.2.C.1.C. and C.M.D.P. Sect. 11A to permit a distance of 15' from a side building face of a group house to a public street right-of-way in lieu of the required 25' on Lots 1, 8, 18, 19, 31, 56, 73, 74, 94, 95, 110, 111, 124, 136, 149, 155.
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FROM THE OFFICE OF

GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC.

ENGINEERS

658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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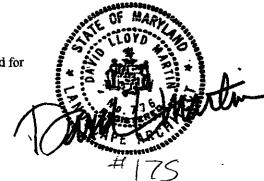
Description of Parcel A of the Cedar Lane Farms Property at the southeastern corner of Perry Hall Boulevard and Rossville Boulevard to accompany request for zoning variances October 24, 1995

Beginning for the same at a point on the intersection of the northern right-of-way line of Rossville Boulevard and the western right-of-way line of Gumspring Road, said point of beginning being also located North 19 40' West 52 feet more or less from the intersection of the centerlines of Rossville Boulevard and Gumspring Road running thence leaving said point of beginning, binding on the northern right-of-way line of Rossville Boulevard the following courses;

- 1 northwesterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 1392.39 feet for a distance of 12.18 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 68° 04' 44" West 12.18 feet,
- 2 North 67° 49' 41" West 1705.4 feet,
- 3 nothwesterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 1392.39 feet for a distance of 1090.51 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 43° 23' 28" West 1062.87 feet,
- 4 North 15° 51' 10" East 22.04 feet,
- 5 North 74° 10' 14" West 40.11 feet,
- 6 northwesterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 2251.83 feet for a distance of 156.34 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 24° 53' 15" West 156.30 feet,
- 7 North 30° 09' 27" East 67.31 feet to a point on the intersection of the northern right-of-way line of Rossville Boulevard and the southern right-of-way line of Perry Hall Boulevard thence binding on the southern right-of-way line of Perry Hall Boulevard the following courses;
 - 8 southeasterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 1692.95 feet for a distance of 272.00 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 89° 50' 11" East 271.71 feet,
- 9 South 85° 14' 01" East 1080.67 feet, running thence leaving said right-of-way line the following courses;
 - 10 South 68° 24' 46" East 126,58 feet.
 - 11 Sourh 04° 45' 59" West 10,37 feet.
 - 12 South 05° 30' 07" East 140.27 feet,
 - 13 South 84° 14' 18" East 137.87 feet.
 - 14 South 86° 37' 38" East 65.65 feet,
 - 15 North 12° 22' 33" East 77.69 feet,
 - 16 South 68° 24' 47" East 892.83 feet,
 - 17 South 16° 37' 15" West 499.93 feet,
- 18 South 68° 24' 47" East 225.17 feet, to a point on the centerline of the existing 50 foot wide right-of-way of Gumspring Road running thence binding on the centerline of said right-of-way the following course;
- 19 South 16° 39' 11" West 431.0 feet, running thence leaving the centerline of said right-ofway line the following course;
- 20 North 73° 20' 49" West 30 0 feet, to a point on the western right-of-way line of Gumspring Road running thence binding on said right-of-way line the following course;
 - 21 South 16° 39' 11" West 107.58 feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing 52.9963 acres of land more or less.

NOTE: The above description is for Zoning purposes only and is not to be used for conveyances of agreements.



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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

or

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-163-A (Item 175)
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Legal Owner: James P. McDonagh

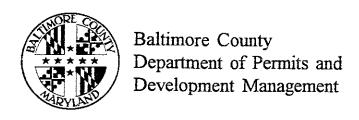
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HEARING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

November 7, 1995

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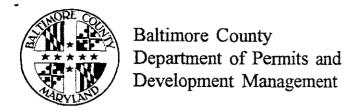
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cc: James P. McDonagh

Robert A. Hoffman, Esq.

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 3. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

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 - (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Hovember 30, 1995

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard, LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 175

Case No.: 96-163-A

Petitioner: J. P. McDonagh

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on October 24, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (387-3391).

Sincerely,

M. Carl Richards, Jr.

- Doming Supervisor

WCR/jw
Attachment(s)



David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Baltimore County (TRA)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

BS/es

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Nov. 16, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review Division

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for November 13, 1995

Item No. 175

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. This site is subject to landscape review comments given with the review of the Development Plan.

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DATE, 11/07/95

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson MD 2120/s
MAIL SIDP 1105

RE: Property Owner: SLE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF NOV. 6, 1995

(tem No.: SEF BELOW Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen-

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property

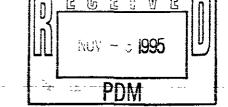
8. The fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time. IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:172 .173 .174 180 AND 183. $\pmb{5}$



REVIEWER: IT. ROHERT P. SAUERWALD

Tire Marshal Office. PHONE 887 4881, MS 11075





PETITION PROBLEMS

#175 --- JRA

1. Petition says zoning is D.R.-3.5, D.R.-5.5, and D.R.-10.5; folder says zoning is D.R.-3.5 -- Which is correct?

#178_ --- MJK

1. No telephone number for legal owner.

#179 --- JLL

1. No property description on folder.

#180 --- JCM

- 1. No zip code for legal owner.
- 2. Notary section is incomplete only one signature was notarized.

#183 --- JJS

1. No zoning indicated on petition form.

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

NWC Rossville Blvd & Gum Spring Road and

NEC of Rossville Blvd & Perry Hall Blvd * ZONING COMMISSIONER

14th Election District, 6th Councilmanic * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

James P. McDonagh

Petitioners * CASE NO. 96-163-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

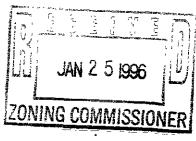
Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30 day of November, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, Venable, Baetjer & Howard, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioner.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

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January 23, 1996

Deputy Lawrence E. Schmidt 400 Washington Avenue Room 112 Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Cedar Lane Development Rossville Blvd. West of Gumspring Road Case No. 96-163A

Dear Sir:-

I was in attendance at the December 5, 1995 Hearing for the above captioned Development.

It was my understanding that a copy of your Decision would be mailed to everyone listed on the "Sign In Sheet". Your decision was to be made by December 20, 1995. On January 18, 1996, I contacted your office to inquire about receiving a copy of your decision. I received a copy on January 20, 1996.

Needless to say I was not surprised but very disappointed by your Decision. Why can't the people who live in the area where large development are proposed have a voice as to what happens to their neighborhood. THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY.

On September 28, 1995, I attended a Comprehensive Rezoning Meeting held by our County Councilman, Joe Bartenfelder which included various officials of the Office of Planning. I specifically recall one of the Planning Officals state "That Zoning was in favor of more single family dewllings instead of townhouse development in this part of the County."

Six (6) weeks later at the Cedar Lane Hearing you approved this Development with <u>189 TOWNHOUSES</u>. Do you communicate with Baltimore County Zoning?

Deputy Lawrence E. Schmidt

January 23, 1996

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As I stated in prior letter to you before your decision was made, I perceive that Baltimore County is becoming an extension of Baltimore City (all asphalt and concrete) and becoming a less desirable place to live.

Very truly yours,

Bernadine D. Seymaur

Bernadine D. Seymour, Secretary South Perry Hall Blvd. Improvement Assoc. 7719 Babikow Road Baltimore, MD, 21237 (410) 391-6169

Traffic 96-163-A Group

Traffic Impact Analysis

for

Cedar Lane Farms

Baltimore County, Maryland

Prepared for

Mark Hall and Company

August 14, 1995

IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING and PETITION FOR VARIANCE * ZONING COMMISSIONER

> 6th Councilmanic District * Case Nos. XIV-342 & 96-163-A

James P. McDonagh, Owner; Cedar Lane, Inc., Developer

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* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

HEARING OFFICER'S OPINION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDER

This matter comes before this Hearing Officer/Zoning Commissioner as a combined hearing, pursuant to Section 26-206.1 of the Baltimore County Code, wherein approval is sought of a development plan prepared by George W. Stephens, Jr. and Associates, Inc., for the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD-R-1) of the subject property by James P. McDonagh, Owner, and his corporation, Cedar Lane, Inc., Daveloper, with 36 single family dwellings and 189 townhouses, in accordance with the development plan submitted and marked into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 1. In addition to development plan approval, the Owner/Developer seeks variance relief from Section 1801.2.C.1.c of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), and from Section 11A of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit a distance of 15 feet from a side building face of a group house to a public street right-of-way in lieu of the required 25 feet for Lots 1, 8, 18, 19, 31, 56, 73, 74, 94, 95, 110, 111, 124, 136, 149, and 155. Variance relief is also requested from Section 1B01.2.C.1.b of the B.C.Z.R. and Section 11A of the C.M.D.P. to permit a setback of an additional 5 feet for buildings located adjacent to arterial roadways in lieu of the required 20 feet for single family Lots 25 and 26. The PUD-R-1 authorization plan (development plan) and plat to accompany the Petition for Variance was submitted into evidence as Developer's and Petitioner's Exhibit 1A. That plan depicts the specifics of the development plan proposed and also shows the variance requests at issue.

Appearing at the public hearing required for this project were James McDonagh and Kevin McDonagh, representatives of Cedar Lane, Inc., Owner/Developer of the subject property, and Brent Petersen and David Martin, Professional Engineers with G. W. Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc., the engineering firm which prepared the plan. Mr. Martin was the principal consultant in the development of the plan. Mickey Cornelius, Traffic Engineering expert with The Traffic Group, Inc., and Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, attorney for the Owner/Developer, also appeared. Numerous representatives of the various Baltimore County/State reviewing agencies attended the hearing, including Carol McEvoy from the Office of Planning and Zoning, Larry Pilson from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM), Lee Dreiger from the Storm Water Management Section of DEPRM, James R. Logan from the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM), and Kurt Kugelberg, Project Manager with DPDM. In addition, numerous residents from the surrounding community appeared, all of whom signed the Citizen Sign-In Sheet. Among those individuals who testified were Amos G. Harvey, Preston Snedegar, John Greely, and Melvin W. Inners.

The plan at issue has proceeded through the development review process as codified in Title 26 of the Baltimore County Code (ECC). The subject plan required referral to and approval by the Planning Board of Baltimore County in that same was submitted as a PUD (Planned Unit Development) R-1. In fact, the Planning Board approved this development plan on January 19, 1995. PUDs are the tools of the planning process which are defined within Section 430 of the B.C.Z.R. A PUD-R-1 is a planned unit development with a minimum tract size of 5 acres. In adopting the PUD legislation, the County Council expressed the intent to provide flexibility in the application of the land use regulations and to allow alternative review processes. These processes were to encourage development of creatively designed neighborhoods which would provide a higher degree of project design then through the conventional application of the regulations. A PUD plan should be utilized to provide a development which will ensure compatibility with surrounding existing and proposed land uses and will not be detrimental to the surrounding locale. A series of stringent standards are established for all PUDs within Section 430.4 of the B.C.Z.R. Moreover, the Hearing Officer in reviewing a PUD plan must make certain findings with respect to the merits of the plan, as more fully set forth in Section 26-206(r) of the BCC.

As to the plan's progress through the review process, it is to be noted that an initial concept plan conference for this development was conducted on October 17, 1994. As required, a community input meeting was held on December 19, 1994 at the White Marsh Branch Library. Subsequently, a development plan was submitted and a conference held thereon on November 15, 1995. Following the submission of that plan, development plan comments were submitted by the appropriate agencies of Baltimore County and a revised development plan incorporating these comments was submitted at the hearing held before me on December 5, 1995.

The hearing was bifurcated to consider the development plan case and requested variances separately. An overall view of the plan shows that the subject property consists of 58.96 acres, split zoned D.R. 3.5 (45.17 acres), D.R. 5.5 (11.29 acres), and D.R. 10.5 (2.5 acres). The property is located on the north side of Rossville Boulevard, between

built out, in the manner proposed. with either 22-foot or 24-foot wide

In addressing the requirements of the alternate test, the Developer believes that a 22-foot road will be more compatible with the scheme of the proposed development. The Developer's Engineer noted that the PUD regulations call for a development of high caliber design and that the proposal integrates a design criteria which would be best suited with

Mr. Logan, in explaining his Department's position, notes that the 24-foot road widths are required to address public safety concerns He notes that vehicles will be backing from perpendicular parking spaces provided in front of the townhouses and that the additional 2 feet of road width will provide further clearance. Moreover, when guests of residents are on site, additional curb parking area will be provided and traffic congestion lessened if the road is the full 24 feet in width.

This is a difficult issue. The Developer has clearly designed a high quality project. However, in the end, the considerations of public safety win out. The additional 2 feet will provide more maneuvering and parking area. This is a large tract, which will feature in excess of 200 homesites. The expected traffic generation figures are sufficient to support a finding that the size and scope of this project mandate strict compliance with the public works standards.

As to the sewer connections, the proposed connection to the south easiest to address in that the preferred resolution of same is agreed to by all concerned. The plan shows that sewer access can be provided from the south by a line in the bed of Gumspring Road. However, there was significant testimony that a more practical extension would be to place

In addressing the development plan issues, it is to be noted that Section 26-206 of the Baltimore County Code (BCC) requires the Hearing Officer to identify all open/unresolved development plan agency issues or comments at the onset of the hearing. In this regard, Mr. Hoffman, on behalf of the Owner/Developer, proffered that many of the issues had been resolved by red-lined amendments to the development plan and identified those issues that remained outstanding. In terms of resolved issues, Mr. Hoffman noted that a revised landscape plan had been submitted pursuant to a request from the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ), that sidewalks were now shown on the plan adjacent to Rossville Boulevard, that the location of the tot lot had been shifted out of the forest buffer easement area, and that the plan had been amended to show that pedestrian paths would be paved or covered in wood chips within the forest buffer and home-

owners' association easement areas. As to other open OPZ issues, Mr.

Hoffman testified that a note was added to the plan to reflect the fact

Gumspring Road and Perry Hall Boulevard in White Marsh. Presently, the

site contains an existing dwelling, barn and outbuildings, and has been

utilized on a temporary basis as a golf driving range. The existing

structures are to be razed and the golf driving range use discontinued.

The Owner/Developer proposes constructing 36 single family dwellings and

189 townhouse units as shown on the plan. Essentially, the townhouses are

grouped to the north and west portions of the site, near the intersection

of Perry Hall Boulevard and Rossville Boulevard. The single family homes

are will be located on the south and east portions of the site. A cul-de-

sac, around which 10 single family houses are proposed to be constructed,

will be accessed via Gumspring Road. The balance of the single family

houses will be built off of an internal roadway within the site.

the sewer line along the stream valley system adjacent to that roadway. This would eliminate certain difficulties in design and construction and would provide sewer availability to other properties. Unfortunately, at the time of the hearing, it was unclear whether the preferred system could be implemented, owing to the fact that off-site right-of-way acquisitions need be made. Under the circumstances, I will approve the project as submitted in that it is clear that adequate access to public sewer can be provided in the method shown on the plan through Gumspring Road. However, this Order shall not be construed so as to prohibit the subsequent adoption of the preferred approach and the construction of a sewer line through the stream valley. If such a system can be installed, it is clearly preferable.

The remaining issue raised by the County relates to the extension of the sewer line in a northerly direction, towards Perry Hall Boulevard. The submitted development plan shows an extension of the sewer line to the tract boundary line, as required under the Code. The County would prefer further extension so as to tie the sewer into an existing line in the bed of Perry Hall Boulevard. Although such an extension is clearly warranted and preferable, I do not find that this Developer should be required to make such an off-site extension. This plan complies with the development regulations and the policies adopted thereto. I believe it inequitable to, in effect, require this Developer to make extensive off-site improvements to solve regional problems. In this case, the Developer's compliance with the letter of the law is acceptable and the plan should be approved on that basis.

Having addressed the County's concerns, attentio. is next turned to the concerns raised by the community representatives. These concerns

that grading in local open space areas would be fully resolved on the final grading plan, that the fronts of the dwellings on single family Lots 27 and 36 will be screened, and alternatives will be shown on the plan to allow the houses on those lots to be oriented either towards Gumspring Road or the internal cul-de-sac. As to the issues raised by DEPRM which had been resolved, Mr. Hoffman observed that the red-lined plan now shows a 75-foot forest buffer easement near the location of the tot lot, that the foot path arrangement through the forest buffer easement area has been modified and approved, and that forest conservation and buffer easements have been labeled and shown on the plan. As to resolved issues relating to storm water management, inlets to assure water quality have been shown on Lots 25 and 26 and preliminary hydrology computations have been ap-

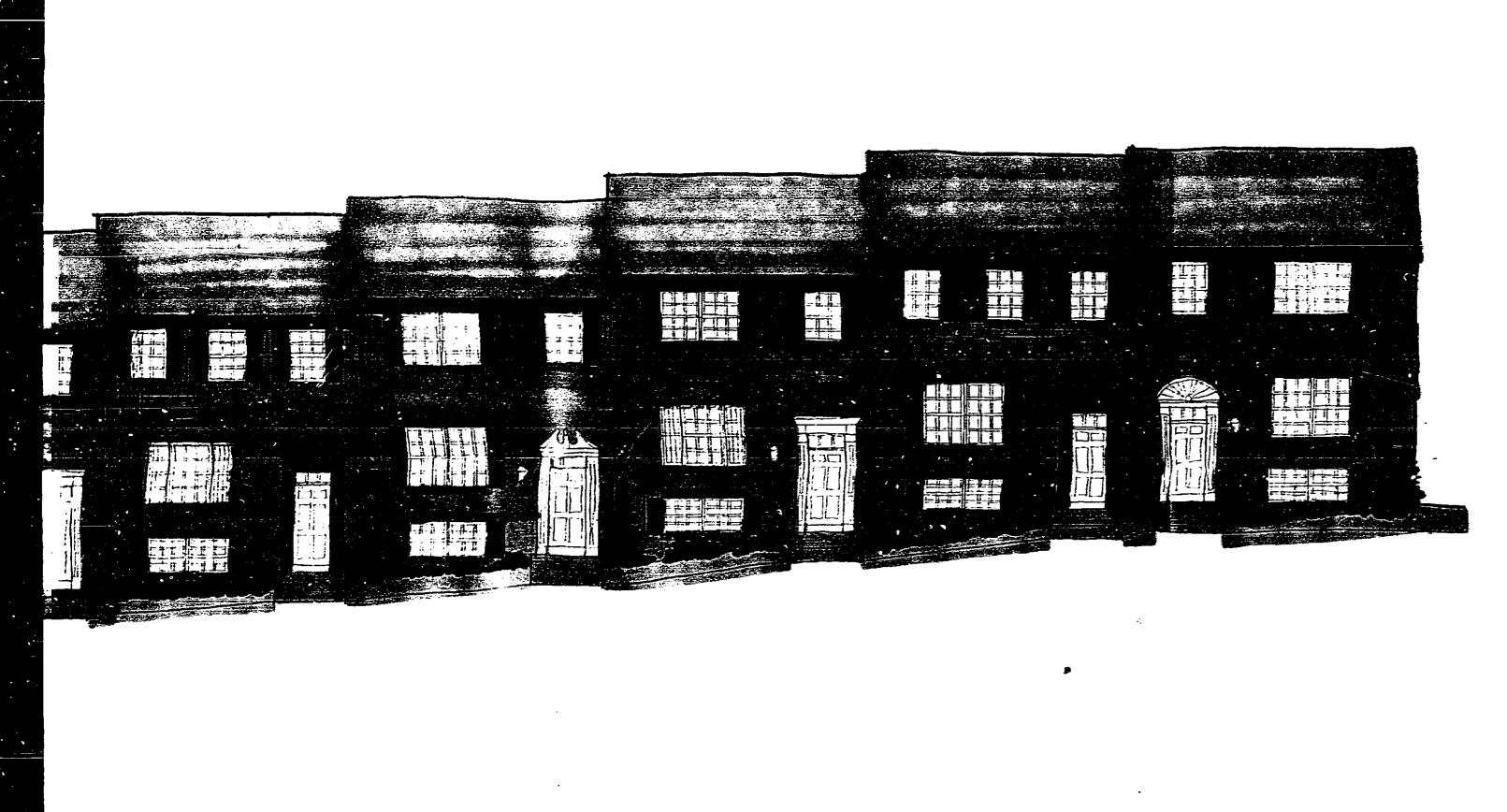
proved by Lee Dreiger in DEPRM's Storm Water Management section. Mr. Hoffman also proffered that the concerns voiced by the Department of Recreation and Parks relating to the equipment to be utilized on the tot lot had been resolved and that certain technical additions and corrections to the plan would be made to satisfy the concerns raised by the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM).

The County/State agency representatives who were present at the hearing corroborated Mr. Hoffman's testimony that the above-identified issues have been resolved and that the amended, red-lined development plan marked as Developer's Exlibit 1A, was largely in compliance with the develpment regulations, policies and rules contained within the BCC. However, both Mr. Hoffman and Mr. James Logan, on behalf of the Department of Public Works (DPW) agreed that three County insues remained outstanding. One of these issues relates to the paving width of the road within that part of the proposed development which features the townhouse units.

Specifically, the plan shows a 22-foot wide paving in certain areas of the road adjacent to perpendicular parking. Mr. Logan believes that public works standards requiring a 24-foot wide paving should be strictly adhered to in this case. Secondly, the Developer and County have not come to an agreement regarding the extension of public sewer north of the subject site. The Developer has shown a sewer extension to the property line, however, the County would prefer that the extension be continued in a northerly direction off site. Lastly, the specific layout of the extension of the public sever from the south is unclear. But for these three issues. the Developer and County concur that the development plan is in compliance with the rules, regulations and policies codified in Title 26

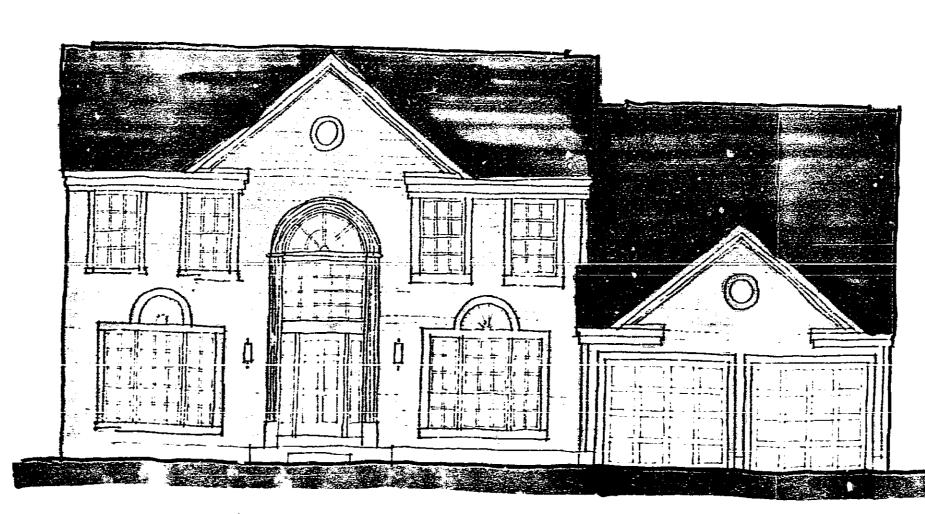
Turning first to the issue of the width of the road paving, it is to be noted that waivers of public works standards can be granted by this Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 26-172 of the B.C.C. That Section offers an alternative test which the Developer must satisfy for a waiver to be granted. Specifically, a waiver can be granted upon a finding by a Hearing Officer that the size, scope and nature of the proposed development does not justify strict compliance with these regulations; that the waiver would be within the scope, purpose and intent of the regulations; and, that all other County laws, ordinances, and regulations have been satisfied. In the alternative, a waiver can be granted if a showing is made that compliance with the regulations would cause unnecessary hardship.

In this case, there can be no claim of unnecessary hardship. Testimony proferred at the hearing is that the plan could be amended to reflect the 24-foot paving width requirement. Thus, this project can be





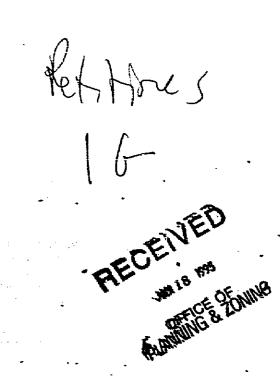






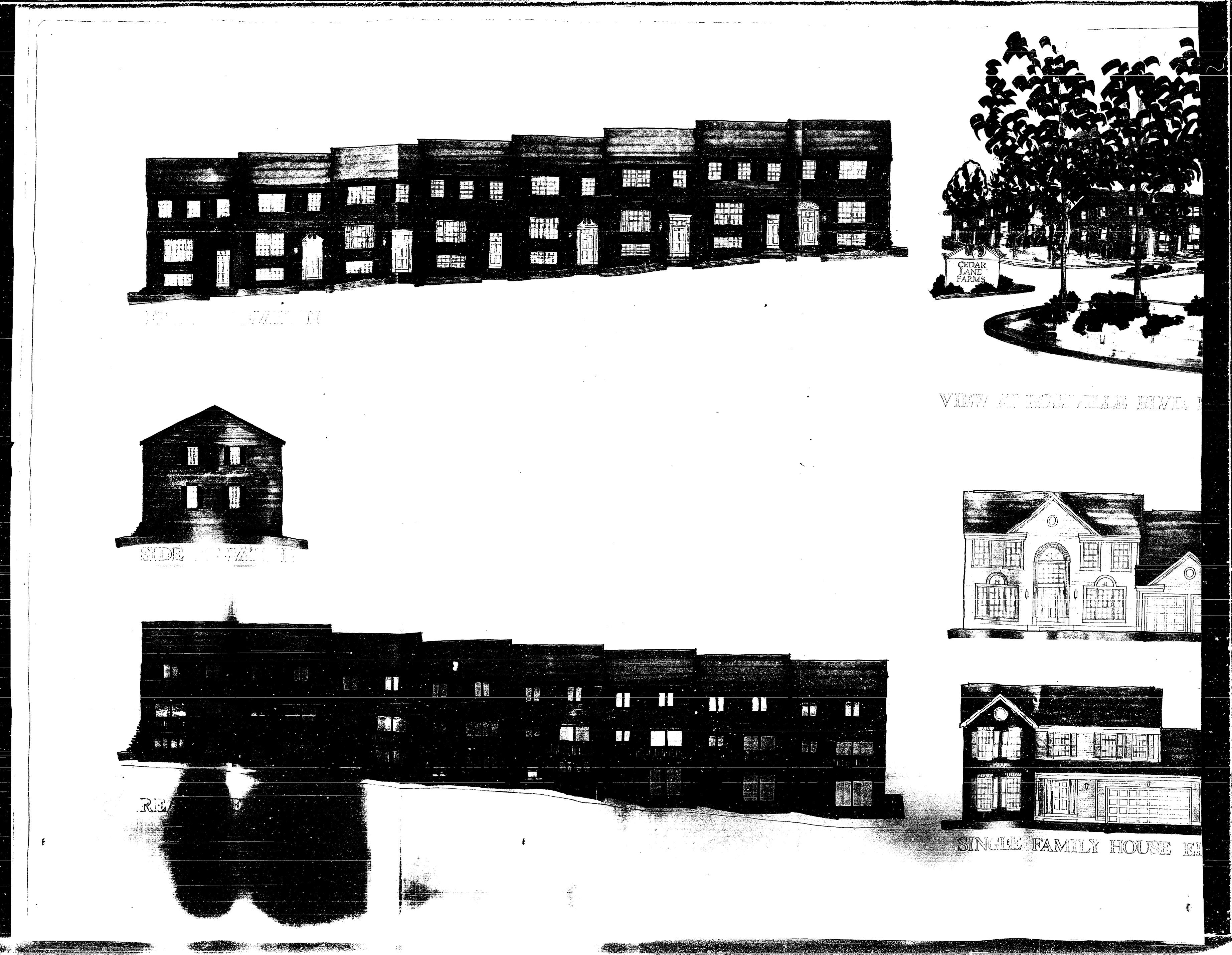






Z.A.D.M. # XIV-342

CEDAR LANE FARMS ELECTION DISTRICT # 14 COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT # 6 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND





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Associates ROWAN G. GLIDDEN, L.A.

April 6, 2000

Mr. John Lewis for Arnold Jablon Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21214

96-163-A

Re: Cedar Lane Farms, P.U.D.-R Authorization Plan PDM File #XIV-342, Spirit and Intent

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The above project has gone through a First Amendment as determined by the DRC and Mr. Jablon's letter dated May 17, 1999. The First Amended P.U.D. Authorization Plan has since been reviewed and signed by Mr. Rascoe of your office. GWS is preparing Final Development Plans (in 4 phases) illustrating the phasing of the project and reflecting the above described first amendment. As a result of those initial FDP reviews your office has requested this "Spirit and Intent Letter" outlining the relationships of the several variances originally granted and their applicability to the revision set forth in the first amendment. For ease of identification and review, the following is a comparison of the original zoning relief as granted and the "Amendment" changes:

#1. Variance of B.C.Z.R. Section 1B01.2.C.1.c.and C.M.D.P. Section II.a to permit a distance of 15' from a side building face of a group house to a public street right of way in lieu of the required 25° on lots 1, 8, 18, 19,31,56,73, 74, 94, 95, 110, 111, 124, 136, 149, and 155.

This zoning relief as granted is now applicable as follows:

- Lots 1, 8, 94, 95, 110, 111, 124, 136, 149 no change as approved.
- Lot 31 is now lot 35 by virtue of the amendment layout and still utilizes the variance
- Lots 18, 19, 31, 56, 73, 74, and 155 no longer utilize the original variance relief as

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#2. Variance of B.C.Z.R. Section 1B01.2.C.1.b.and C.M.D.P. Section II.a to permit a setback of an additional 5' for buildings located adjacent to arterial roadways in lieu of the required additional 20' on single-family lots #25 and #26.

This zoning relief remains as granted.

All other waiver requests as originally approved, remain in effect.

Based on the above, the First Amended PUD-R Authorization Plan reduces the number of variances originally granted and in no way misconstrue or modify the basis or conditions under which they were approved by the Hearing Officer. Thus they remain within the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations and the requirements of the original zoning order.

We have attached a check in the amount of \$40.00 and a copy of the First Amended PUD-R Authorization Plan as required and respectfully request your review and approval of this Spirit and Intent letter so that the Final Development Plan reviews may be completed.

Sincerely,

GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

David L. Martin, Senior Associate

Land Planning / Landscape Architecture

Enclosures:

Speed Letter QUICK RESPONSE

Dear Mr. Martin:

The final decision for spirit and intent approval requires that the staff must receive 2 copies of the petitioners exhibit #1 from the hearing case 96-163-A, with all changes red lined and clearly shown. The changes as referenced in this letter must also be listed on the plan where needed to adjust the application of the variances as granted.

Please forward this directly to me with a copy of this letter to room 111 County Office Building.

April 19, 2000

14th Election District

Zoning Review

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generally related to a feared potential increase in traffic, the impact of the proposed development on public utilities, concerns on overcrowding of schools, and a general opposition to the size and scale of this project.

I am understanding of the community's concerns. This is a big project which will entail the construction of a significant number of homes. I am unconvinced, however, that these concerns warrant a denial or modification of the plan. In my judgment, the plan is of high quality and has been carefully developed and reviewed. This is a large tract that is located in an area which can support develorment. The property is near major arterial streets and the testimony and report by Mr. Cornelius, the Developer's traffic engineering expert, was persuasive. None of the testimony and evidence offered by the Protestants was convincing to rebut that produced by the Developer and its experts.

Having therefore addressed all of the concerns and issues raised, it is clear that the development plan should be approved, as modified herein. The testimony and evidence presented was persuasive that the plan sufficiently complies with the development regulations as codified in the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Moreover, I find that the Developer has satisfied and met those standards for approval of this PUD-R-1 plan as set forth in Section 26-206(r) of the B.C.C. For all of these reasons, I will approve the plan, consistent with the comments set forth herein.

Attention is next then turned to the Petition for Variances. The series of variances from Section 1801.2.C.1(c) relate to a number of the individual townhouse units. These variances are necessary due to the uniqueness of the property and constraints resulting in part, from the proposed PUD development. The variances are all internal in nature and do not affect surrounding properties. The record of the case will reflect

testimony offered by Mr. Martin which supports a granting of the variances. I am persuaded that the Petitioner has adduced the requisite testimony and evidence to support a finding that the variance standards set forth within Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. have been satisifed.

The other variance request relates to single family Lots 25 and 26. These two individual lots will feature houses which front Rossville Boulevard. The variance requested is appropriate here due to site constraints and the existence of the forest buffer easement immediately to the rear of these lots. The testimony of Mr. Martin was uncontradicted and persuasive that these variances should be granted.

Therefore, pursuant to the zoning and development plan regulations of Baltimore County as contained within the B.C.Z.R. and Subtitle 26 of the Baltimore County Code, the advertising of the property and public hearing held thereon, the development plan shall be approved and the Petition for Variance granted, consistent with the comments contained herein and the restrictions set forth hereinafter. Moreover, I find that the Developer has satisfied and met those standards for approval of this PUD-R-1 plan as set forth in Section 26-206 of the B.C.C. For all of these reasons, I will approve the plan, consistent with the comments set forth herein.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by this Hearing Officer/Zoning Commissioner and Hearing Officer for Baltimore County this 207 day of December, 1995 that the development plan for Cedar Lane Farms, identified herein as Developer's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby APPROVED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1801.2.C.1.c of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), and from Section 11A of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit a distance of 15 feet from a

side building face of a group house to a public street right-of-way in lieu of the required 25 feet for Lots 1, 8, 18, 19, 31, 56, 73, 74, 94, 95, 110, 111, 124, 136, 149. and 155. Variance relief is also requested from Section 1801.2.C.1.b of the B.C.Z.R. and Section 11A of the C.M.D.P. to permit a setback of an additional 5 feet for buildings located adjacent to arterial roadways in lieu of the required 20 feet on single family Lot Nos. 25 and 26, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and 1s hereby GRANTED.

Any appeal of this decision must be taken in accordance with Section 26-209 of the Baltimore County Code.

> Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

December 20, 1995

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING and PETITION FOR VARIANCE (Cedar Lane Farms) N of Rossville Boulevard, W of Gumspring Road 14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District James P. McDonagh, Owner; Cedar Lane, Inc., Developer

Case Nos. XIV-342 and 96-163-A

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Development Plan has been approved and the Petition for Variance granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Messrs. James McDonagh and Kevin McDonagh, Cedar Lane, Inc. 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue. Towson, Md. 21204

Messrs. Brent Petersen and David Martin, G.W. Stephens, Jr. & Assoc. 658 Kenilworth Drive, Suite 100, Towson, Md. 21204

Mr. Amos Harvey, 7522 Rossville Blvd., Baltimore, Md. 21237 Mr. John L. Greely, 4903 Linda Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21237 Mr. Preston Snedeger, 4928 Ridge Road, Baltimore, Md. 21237 Mr. Melvin Inners, 7903 Hilltop Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21237

Kurt Kugelberg, Proj. Mgr., DPDM; DEPRM; DPW; People's Counsel; File

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DACCOMPRING HOH CASE # 14-347

Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County NW corner of Rossville Blvd. & Gurn Spring Road for the property located at and NE corner of Rossville Blvd. & Perry Hall Blvd.

which is presently zoned DR3.5, DR5.5 and 96-163-A This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Beltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

See attached sheet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

To be determined at hearing.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

VMe do sciencely declare and affirm, under the poneties of perjuly, that I/we are the Robert A. Boffman 200 Allegheny Avenue Venable, Bastjer and Howard, LLP

VARIANCE REQUEST 96-163-A

- Variance of B.C.Z.R. Section 1B01.2.C.1.C. and C.M.D.P. Sect. 11A to permit a distance of 15' from a side building face of a group house to a public street rightof-way in lieu of the required 25' on Lots 1, 8, 18, 19, 31, 56, 73, 74, 94, 95, 110, 111, 124, 136, 149, 155.
- 2. Variance of B.C.Z.R. Section 1B01.2.C.1.b and C.M.D.P. Section 11A to permit a setback of an additional 5' for buildings located adjacent to arterial roadways in lieu of the required additional 20' on Single Family Lots 25 & 26.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC. 658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Description of Parcel A of the Cedar Lane Farms Property at the southeastern corner of Perry Hall Boulevard and Rossville Boulevard to accompany request for zoning October 24, 1995

Beginning for the same at a point on the intersection of the northern right-of-way line of Rossville Boulevard and the western right-of-way line of Gumspring Road, said point of beginning being also located North 19 40' West 52 feet more or less from the intersection of the centerlines of Rossville Boulevard and Gumspring Road running thence leaving said point of beginning, binding on the northern right-of-way line of Rossville Boulevard the following courses;

1 northwesterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 1392.39 feet for a distance of 12.18 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 68° 04' 44" West 12 18 feet,

2 North 67° 49' 41" West 1705.4 feet 3 nothwesterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 1392.39 feet for a distance of 1090.51 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 43° 23' 28" West 1062.87 feet,

4 North 15° 51' 10" East 22.04 feet, 5 North 74° 10' 14" West 40.11 feet,

6 northwesterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 2251.83 feet for a distance of 156.34 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 24° 53' 15" West 156.30 feet, 7 North 30° 09' 27" East 67.31 feet to a point on the intersection of the northern right-of-way line of Rossville Boulevard and the southern right-of-way line of Perry Hall Boulevard thence binding on the southern right-of-way line of Perry Hall Boulevard the following courses; 8 southeasterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 1692.95 feet for a distance of 272.00

feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 89° 50' 11" East 271.71 feet, 9 South 85° 14' 01" East 1080.67 feet, running thence leaving said right-of-way line the

10 South 68° 24' 46" East 126.58 feet. 11 South 04° 45' 59" West 10.37 feet.

12 South 05° 30' 07" East 140.27 feet 13 South 84° 14' 18" East 137.87 feet.

14 South 86° 37' 38" East 65.65 feet.

15 North 12° 22' 33" East 77.69 feet, 16 South 68° 24' 47" East 892.83 feet

17 South 16° 37' 15" West 499.93 feet, 18 South 68° 24' 47" East 225.17 feet, to a point on the centerline of the existing 50 foot wide right-of-way of Gumspring Road running thence binding on the centerline of said right-of-way the following course;

way line the following course; 20 North 73° 20' 49" West 30 0 feet, to a point on the western right-of-way line of Gumspring

19 South 16° 39' 11" West 431.0 feet, running thence leaving the centerline of said right-of-

ad running thence binding on said right-of-way line the following course; 21 South 16° 39' 11" West 107.58 feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing 52.9963 acres of land more or less.

NOTE: The above description is for Zoning purposes only and is not to be used for

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

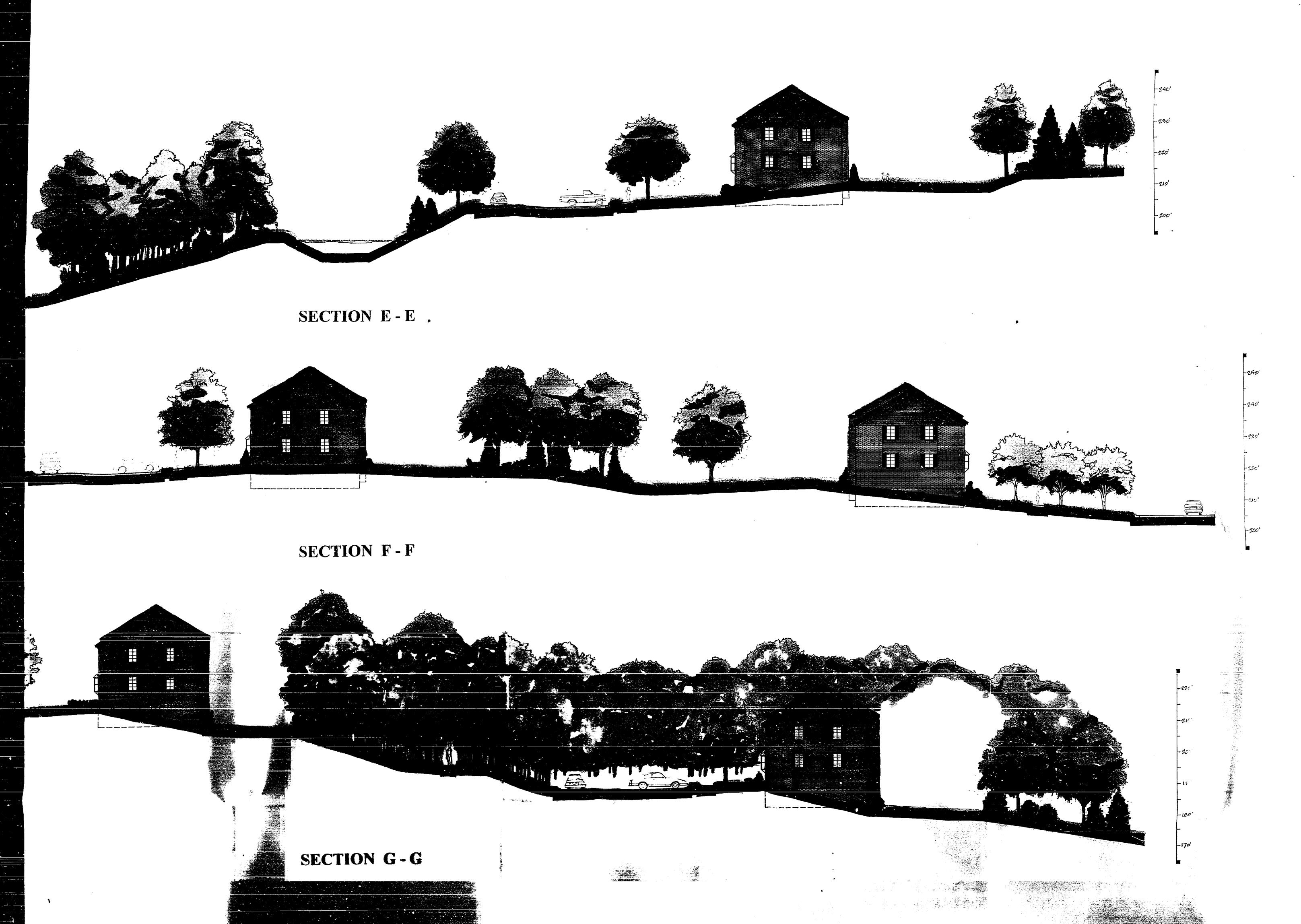
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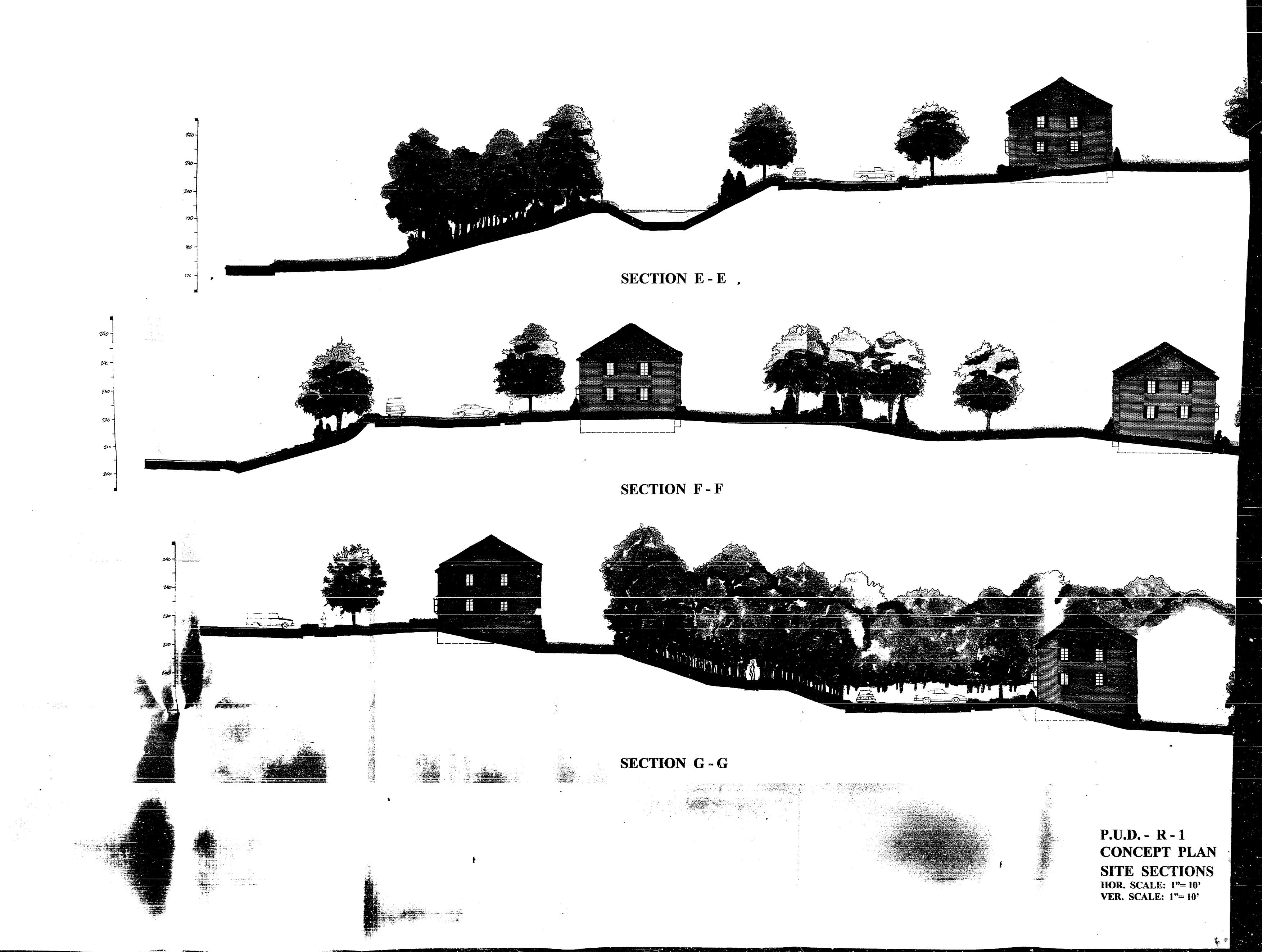
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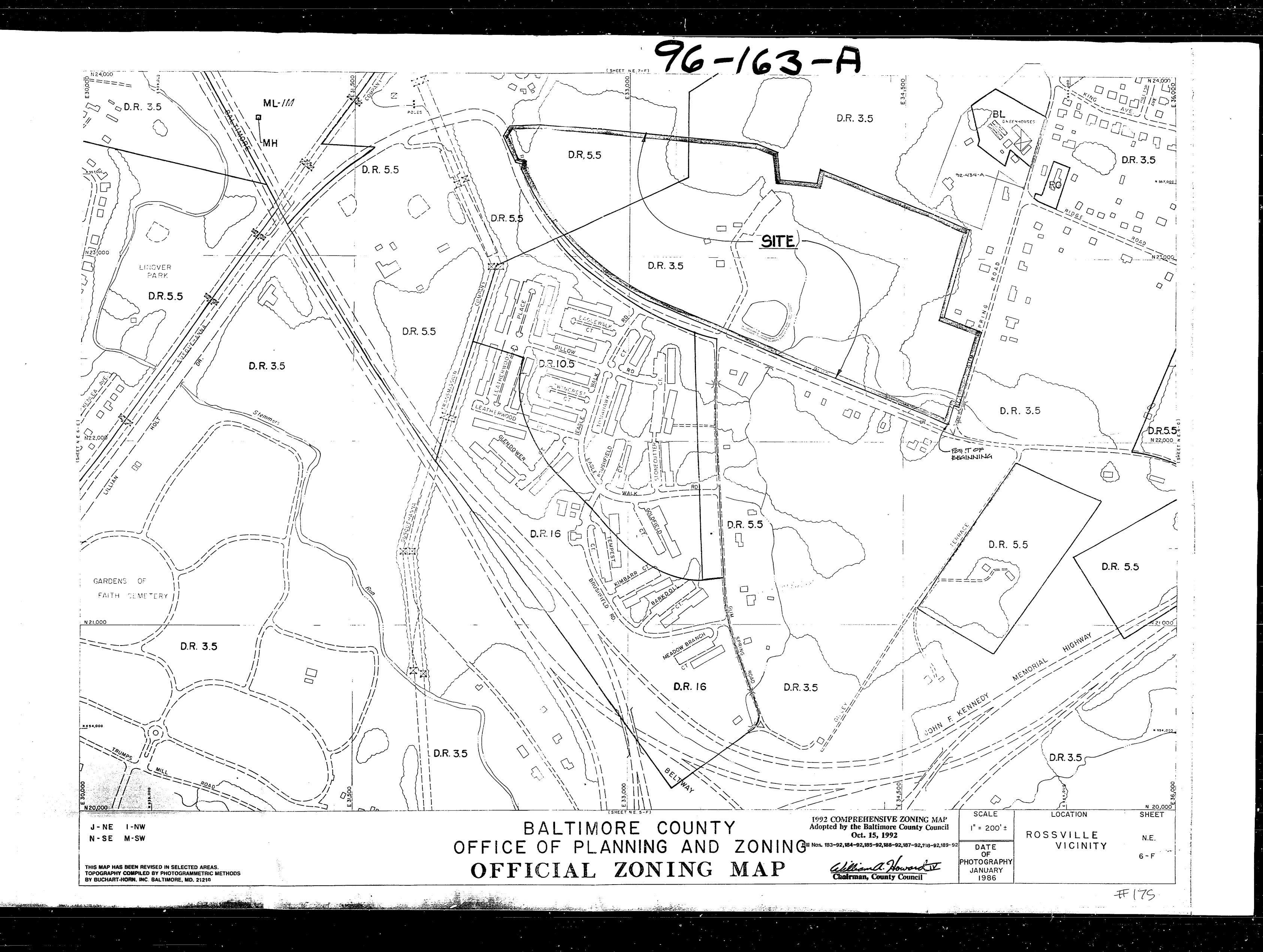
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

11-6-95

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County (TICA)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Ronald Burns, Chief

TO: PUTUXENT FUBLISHING COMPANY November 16, 1995 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please foward billing to:

Robert A. Hoffman, Esq. Venable, Baetjer & Howard LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204 494-6200

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public bearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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HEARING: TVESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Nov. 16, 1995

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review Division

for November 13, 1995

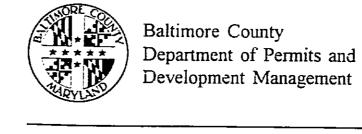
Item No. 175

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed

the subject zoning item This site is subject to landscape review comments given with the review of the Development



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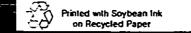
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700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 14707795

Arnold Jablan Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MACE STUP 1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF NOV. 6, 1995.

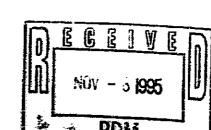
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NEVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

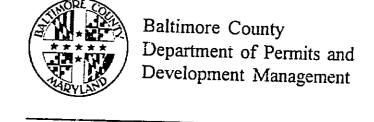
Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

Zoning Agenda:

B. The tire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time. IN REFERENCE TO THE LOLLOWING STEM NUMBERS: 177 . 173 . 174 (175.) 176. 180 AND 183.5



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Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire

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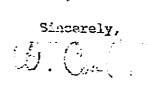
Venable, Baetjer & Howard, LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 175 Case No.: 96-163-A Petitioner: J. P. McDonagh

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on October 24, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (20ming commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (387-3391).



Coming Supervisor

Attachment(s)

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PETITION PROBLEMS

#175 — JRA

1. Petition says zoning is D.R.-3.5, D.R.-5.5, and D.R.=10.5 folder says zoning is D.R.-3.5 - Which is correct?

#178 --- MJK

1. No telephone number for legal owner.

#179 -- JLL

1. No property description on folder.

#180 --- JCM

1. No zip code for legal owner.

2. Notary section is incomplete – only one signature was notarized.

#183 --- JJS

1. No zoning indicated on petition form.

